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Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Maria Salome Soares Pais et al.) Group Art Unit: 1652
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Application No.: 09/980,819) Examiner: Sheridan Swope
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Filed: May 23, 2002)
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For: Production by Yeasts of Aspartic) Confirmation No.: 1528
Proteinases from Plant Origin with)
Sheep's, Cow's, Goat's Milk, etc.)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Restriction Requirement of February 17, 2004, applicants elect the claims of Group I. claims 1-8, 14-17, 20, 21, and 9-13.

With respect to the requirement for an election of species for Group I, applicants elect (C); yeast host cells that produce a plant aspartic proteinase with milk clotting activity and which cleaves milk casein. The claims readable on the elected species are claims 1-4, 7-11, 14-17 and 20.

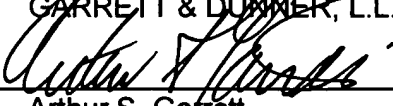
It is understood that the claims will only have to be restricted to the elected invention in the event a generic claim is not found to be allowable.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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